



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

May 18, 2011

President Gillespie called the 949<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 52, Houston Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Carroll Jester, President of the Houston Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President White gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 10 present, 4 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Bill Tobin, the meeting at DEMSOC did not go real well for DVFA. Only one company in Kent County filled out annual BLS report. There was \$0 funding this year and last. We still need to fill out forms in case an opportunity presents itself. Next meeting is coming up in June for the DVFA. Glenn and I and representatives for the 3 counties Fire Chiefs met with DNREC and Commission. Discussion was over controlled burns and what is considered a training controlled burn. Conclusion is for further meetings to work together and also establish training criteria. We will meet again in 2 weeks at Dover. Much discussion followed with regards to DNREC. Charles Frampton, sending out committee request forms for next year. Warren Jones, Ground Zero 911 flag being restored by all the states. June 16<sup>th</sup> at Dover Fire Dept. Flag will be brought in for sewing.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie, starting today and through Sunday hosting Eastern Division of the IChiefs Conference, next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June Station 89, thanks for the recognition.

**State Ambulance Association** – No Report

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Dave Snell, working 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. We are selling ads for booklets.

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, forms are on the website. Elmer Steele, there are approximately 20 seminars and something for everybody morning, noon, and night. Anything we can do to make conference better let us know.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Kevin Wilson, no one has been fined for late reports. Get your reports in no later than 6 months after. A large increase in EMT's being brought up for disciplinary action, primarily involving talking patients into a refusal. Get reports in.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, Governor announce a \$320 million surplus, how did we have a \$320 million surplus. One was to have school districts pay for \$3.5 million buses which would in turn have to come from local school tax increase. \$54 million for a 27<sup>th</sup> pay. We are moving pretty good in Joint Finance. SB 67 – referencing the signs that are put out for memorials. We are working to get Grant and Aid restored to 2008 and 2009 levels. Gross premium tax down for Kent County but Ambulance insurance went up.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick thanks for recognition.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Jennifer Knox, next meeting will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Felton. There will be a Presentation on how to handle a school bus accident.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – No Report

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**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Robert Sutton, Thanks for the recognition

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Todd Reilly, Thanks for the recognition, next meeting Station 75 Ellendale.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, No Report

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.*

**Deceased Members:** Station 52 – Richard Yost, Station 44 – B. Franklin Morris, III

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form except for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. (*Summary by President Gillespie, Tucker Dempsey is the representative to DELDOT working on the road width issue. A meeting is planned regarding the road width issue. Recently, an article recognized Kent Center as only 1 of 6 with a special recognition. Next meeting we will recognize the Kent Center through an Appreciation Night. We are looking at doing a stair climb (walk around Dover Speedway) on September 11, 2011 representing 911 fallen firefighters. We are looking for at least 7 members from each company to participate.*)

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of May 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,950.40; Checking Account – \$464.56; Money Market – \$24,111.08; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,877.73; Total funds – \$44,453.37

**Written Correspondence** – NONE

### **Report of Committees**

Constitution & Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – complete review, it is a long process hope to be done by the end of October.

Law & Legislative, Kevin Wilson – talk to your legislators we need their support, they want to hear from you. Risk

Watch looking to get full time coordinator, 28 foot road width – legislators asking to let us know what we can do.

Website, Kevin Wilson – screen shot presentation on website, training will occur for each person involved to maintain their portion of the website. Adding pages we can do ourselves. It will primarily be an informational site. Minutes, history, and many other things can be put on website but it is a work in progress which will be updated continually.

Suggested web address KentCountyEmergencyServices.org, any ideas are being accepted.

Fire Expo Safe Summer Days, Dave Snell – schedule for June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 and need a representative from every company.

**Payment of Bills** – \$1000.00 – RWM Roland Trader Scholarship (Past President's Gift); \$275.00 – Blake Bowers (Chaplin Training in Salisbury, MD); \$9.58 – Bruce Ennis (Certificate Gold Seals); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

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**Unfinished Business**

Glenn Gillespie, read resolution honoring all active duty members involved with the fire companies and then distributed resolutions to the member companies.

**New Business** –

Robert Yerkes, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to for the approval a full page ad in the State Fire Police booklet for a price of \$100.00.

Bruce Ennis, with a Past President's night resolution read by Glenn Gillespie to Past President Dave Snell. Past President Snell received \$1000.00 on behalf of the Past Presidents towards the Roland Trader Scholarship fund.

**Good of the Association**

Glenn Gillespie, prior to departure each company needs to get package and resolutions.

Rev. Bowers, thanks to the association for sending me to the training. I need a name from all companies for their company chaplains. If, you do not have one please let me know so I can supply my services.

Steve White, wrestling event called Smack Down in Frog Town this Saturday.

50-50 – Steve White

Conference Souvenir – Steve White

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 53, Leipsic – June 15<sup>th</sup>*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary